#### **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-4-G - ORDER NO. 2006-402

JULY 3, 2006

IN RE: Piedmont Natural Gas Company – Annual

Review of the Purchased Gas Adjustment and
Gas Purchasing Policies.

ORDER GRANTING
ADMISSION PRO HAC
VICE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of James H. Jeffries, IV, Esquire, on behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company (Piedmont) for admission to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Jeffries petitions to appear before the Commission as counsel for Piedmont in the hearing for Docket No. 2006-4-G regarding the annual review of the purchased gas adjustment and gas purchasing policies of Piedmont Natural Gas Company.

Mr. Jeffries is an attorney and member of the law firm of Moore & Van Allen, PLLC, with offices located at 100 North Tryon Street, Suite 4700, Charlotte, North Carolina, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of North Carolina, according to the certificate attached to the application. Additionally, Mr. Jeffries has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law, and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Jeffries is Kerry B. McTigue of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P., 1320 Main Street, Suite 1700, Columbia, South Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application of James H. Jeffries, IV has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Jeffries meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2006-4-G pro *hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. James H. Jeffries, IV, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of North Carolina and has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2006-4-G.
- 2. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.
  - 3. Mr. Jeffries has associated South Carolina counsel.
- 4. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

### **ORDER**

The Motion of James H. Jeffries, IV, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2006-4-G is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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